

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**Please amend Claims 1 and 3 as follows.**

1. (Currently amended) A fuse connection box comprising a fuse and a housing for attaching the fuse:

said housing comprising a first side housing in which a first side terminal ~~of~~attached to an end of a first side wire is pre-assembled, such that at least a large majority of the connection end of said first side wire is ~~substantially~~ enclosed within said first side housing, and a second side housing in which a second side terminal ~~of~~attached to an end of a second side wire is pre-assembled such that at least a large majority of the connection end of said second side wire is ~~substantially~~ enclosed within said second side housing,

said first side housing and second side housing having portions for engagement with each other, and

said first side housing and second side housing being engaged to form a single housing in which said fuse can be attached.

2. (Original) A fuse connection box as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first side housing and said second side housing are of identical shapes having first engagement portions at one end in the direction of arrangement of fuses and having second engagement portions of shapes engaging with the first engagement portions at the other end.

3. (Currently amended) A fuse connection box comprising a fuse and a housing for attaching the fuse:

said housing comprising a first side housing in which a first side terminal ~~of~~attached to an end of a first side wire is pre-assembled, such that at least a large majority of the connection end of said first side wire is ~~substantially~~ enclosed within said first side housing, and a second side housing in which a second side terminal ~~of~~attached to an end of a second side wire is pre-assembled such that at least a large majority of the connection end of said second side wire is ~~substantially~~ enclosed within said second side housing,

said first side housing and second side housing having portions for engagement with each other,

said first side housing and second side housing being engaged to form a single housing in which said fuse can be attached,

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said first side housing and said second side housing are of identical shapes having first engagement portions at one end in the direction of arrangement of fuses and having second engagement portions of shapes engaging with the first engagement portions at the other end,

said fuse connection box further comprising a protective cover attached to said first side housing and second side housing so as to cover said fuse in a state where said first side housing and said second side housing are connected and said fuse is attached.

4. (Original) A fuse connection box as set forth in claim 3, wherein said protective cover is formed with a protective frame for preventing action of an external force on an engagement portion between said protective cover and said first side housing and second side housing.

5. (Original) A fuse connection box as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a protective cover attached to said first side housing and second side housing so as to cover said fuse in a state where said first side housing and said second side housing are connected and said fuse is attached.

6. (Original) A fuse connection box as set forth in claim 5, wherein said protective cover is formed with a protective frame for preventing action of an external force on an engagement portion between said protective cover and said first side housing and second side housing.

7. (Previously cancelled)

8. (Previously added) A fuse connection box as set forth in claim 1, additionally comprising a protective cover, wherein said protective cover is formed with a protective frame for preventing action of an external force on an engagement portion between said protective cover and said first side housing and second side housing.